IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **insert the following on page 1, after the "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":**

Cross-Reference to Related Application

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-278568, filed September 25, 2002; 2002-281090, filed September 26, 2002; and 2002-351974 and 2002-352121, both filed December 4, 2002, the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please **amend paragraph [0013]** as follows:

[0013] To achieve the first object, according to one aspect of the present invention, an electronic appliance is provided with a first casing having an input portion and a second casing having a screen display portion on one face thereof. Here, the first and second casings are coupled together by a coupling in such a way that the state of the electronic appliance can be selected between a first state in which the second casing is unfolded relative to the first casing with the screen display portion pointing in the direction of the input portion and a second state in which the second casing is folded over the first casing with the face of the second casing opposite to the screen display portion facing the face of the first

casing on which the input portion is provided. Moreover, according to a detection signal from a detector that detects a change in the state of the electronic appliance between the first and second states, a controller portion rotates the screen display by 90° between **[[in]]** the first and second states.

Please **amend paragraph [0025]** as follows:

[0025] In this first state, the user can perform input via the input portion 11, and the input signals are displayed on the screen display portion 21. When the user performs input with the appliance held in both **[[ands]]** hands, since the operated members 12 are located in a portion of the rear face of the first casing 1 located within the reach of the fingers of the right hand, the user may perform input, decision, and other operations by use of those operated members 12, as necessary. The operated members 12 play a central role in performing selection/decision operations when the appliance is brought into a second state.

Please **amend paragraph [0029]** as follows:

[0029] Figs. 6C and 6D are examples of screen display of vertically running characters displayed when the appliance is in the laterally and longitudinally elongate orientations, respectively. In a case

where characters run vertically, in the same manner as described above, when the appliance is rotated by 90° clockwise from the laterally elongate orientation so as to be used in the longitudinally elongate orientation, the screen display is rotated by 90° counter-clockwise so that the characters are displayed on the screen display portion so as to permit the user to view them in the right orientation. The screen display portion 21 has different widths between **[[in]]** the first and second states, and therefore, for effective use of the display area of the screen display portion 21, it is recommended that, as illustrated in Figs. 6A to 6D, carriage returns or the like be executed at appropriate positions to suit the actual width of the screen display portion 21.

Please **amend paragraph [0032]** as follows:

[0032] When the appliance is in the first state, the operated members 12 are located in a right-hand end portion of the rear side of the first casing 1, and therefore, while input is performed via the keyboard in the first state, the operated members 12 may be operated with the right hand to perform functions similar to those described above. As the operated members 12, it is possible to provide any conventionally known type of pointing device or the like other than those mentioned above, such as a track ball, track pad, or pointing

stick. The operated members 12 may be assigned different functions between **[[**in**]]** the first and second states.

Please **amend paragraph [0036]** as follows:

[0036] In another ~~nonillusrated~~ non-illustrated example in which an appliance is fitted with, as a detector, a combination of a light-emitting device and a light-receiving device, both the light-emitting and light-receiving devices 51 and 52 are provided on one of the bottom surface of the second casing 2 or on the hinge cover 30, and a reflective member is provided on the other. In this example also, as in the example described above, it is possible to detect, according to whether the light-receiving device 52 detects light or not, whether the second casing 2 is in the first state or not (in the second state). Specifically, while, when the appliance is in the first state, the light from the emitting-emitting device is reflected from the reflective member and is detected by the light-receiving device, when the second casing is rotated about the rotation shaft, the light from the light-emitting device is not reflected from the reflective member and thus is not detected by the light-receiving device. In these examples, the display on the screen display portion is rotated when the second casing is rotated about the B-axis out of or into the first state.

Please **amend paragraph [0039]** as follows:

[0039] All the examples described above use only one detector. Needless to say, an appliance may be fitted with two or more detectors. In that case, it is preferable to detect not only a change in the state of the appliance but also whether the appliance is in a not-in-use state or not so that, if it is in the not-in-use state, the screen display portion is ~~distinguished~~turned off. Now, an example of an apparatus fitted with two detectors will be described.